IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 55 OF 2006

Ashtekar Shripad Dattatraya. Petitioner.

Versus

District Superintendent of Police, Sangli,& Anr.... Respondents.

Mr.Uday P. Warunjikar for the Petitioner.

Mr.V.P.Malvankar, AGP, for the Respondents.

CORAM: H. S. BEDI, C.J., &
V. M. KANADE, J.

DATED: NOVEMBER 15, 2006.

P.C.:

The grievance raised by the petitioner in this petition by way of public interest litigation is that the police authorities were extorting monies from the shopkeepers, businessmen, etc. and utilising the same for repairs of the police stations and for providing facilities to the occupants therein. In the reply filed by the

respondents, it has been pointed out that no extortion had ever been made but some amounts had been received by the police department from the government, which had been utilised for the purpose of providing requisite facilities in the police stations.

2. Mr. Warunjikar, the learned Counsel for the petitioner, has argued that as the department could purchase furniture, etc. only by calling tenders, it should disclose the dealers from where the furniture, etc. had been purchased. It is submitted by the learned Assistant Government Pleader that as the amounts involved were petty, no tenders had been called.

3. Mr. Warunjikar, learned Counsel for the petitioner, also urged that directions be issued that in any future purchase of items, as specified, the department must follow the procedures as per the norms provided by the government itself. We

find that there can be no objection in granting this prayer. We, accordingly, direct that in any future purchase of items, norms fixed by the department itself, must be strictly adhered to.

4. In so far as the other allegations made in the petition are concerned, an inquiry be made and completed by the higher authorities within six months from the receipt of a certified copy of this order.

5. Writ petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

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CHIEF JUSTICE

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V.M.KANADE, J.